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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ESTIMATES GROUP, ORE

FROM: WESTERN EUROPE BRANCH

SUBJECT: ORE 64

REFERENCE: (a) TS MEMORANDUM OF 24 DECEMBER 1947
ENCLOSING CRITICISM OF ORE 64.

Reference (a) is hereby returned because its tone, substance and uncertain representation of departmental authority render it entirely unacceptable.

No useful purpose is discernible in the conference proposed by Reference (a) and the suggestion is therefore rejected because the captious attitude which has become characteristic of OIR offers no basis for fruitful negotiations.

Enclosed, are two (2) copies of WE's final draft of ORE 64 which represents the coordinated views of CIA, Army, Navy and Air, the last three of which are enthusiastic about CIA's estimate.

In view of the foregoing, it is strongly recommended that a copy of ORE 64 be forwarded to the Department of State, for such action as it may deem advisable, with a request that the anticipated dissent be in ORE's hands not later than 7 1/2 January 1948 since publication will then have been delayed by the Department of State for thirteen (13) days over and above the time allotted to all supporting agencies.

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Enclosures: (2)